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From: City Councilman Rod Tam 
Chairman, Committee on Pubic Works & Economic Development

Re: Bill 66 CD1 – Relating to Water

The citizens of Honolulu have great reason to celebrate as Bill 66 CD1 – Relating to Water, which I introduced, was signed into law yesterday by Mayor Jeremy Harris.

This important bill preserves the purity of Oahu's drinking water by not allowing the introduction of any product, substance or chemical to the public water supply for the purpose of treating or affecting the physical or mental functions of the body of any person. Federally owned and operated water systems such as on military facilities are exempt as are any water treatment chemicals used to make the water potable and safe to drink such as chlorination and anti-corrosion chemicals to reduce lead.

I introduced this bill on behalf of many concerned citizens and physicians, who like myself, believe that one of Hawaii's most precious gifts, its pure and clean drinking water, must be preserved at all costs. In Hawaii, we should be very grateful that nature has created its own unique and effective filtering system for our water, utilizing the porous volcanic rock that the islands are made of. The journey of rainwater through hundreds of feet of volcanic rock results in our pure drinking water that I consider the "best in the world".

The City and County of Honolulu has now set the standard and will probably be recognized, not only in the United States, but throughout the world, for taking the steps necessary to preserve and protect its precious water supply. For this I thank the Mayor and all the wonderful people who worked so hard to draft and support this bill.

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